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REF: A) NOUAKCHOTT 888, APRIL 13, 1976; B) NOUAKCHOTT
A-4, FEBRUARY 4, 1976; C) CASABLANCA A-1, JANUARY 15,
1976; D) NOUAKCHOTT 834, APRIL 7, 1976; E) CASABLANCA 917

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1. THE DEPARTMENT AND ESPECIALLY THE NATIONAL MARINE
FISHERIES SERVICE (NMFS), NOAA, COMMERCE APPRECIATED
DETAILED INFORMATION IN REFTEL A. DEPARTMENT AND NMFS
ARE GREATLY IMPRESSED WITH THE EXCELLENT RECENT FISHERIES
REPORTING BY THE EMBASSY.

2. NMFS BELIEVES IT MAY BE USEFUL TO SEND REF A ALSO TO
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LAGOS, WARSAW, ACCRA, ATHENS, AND PARIS TO GIVE THESE

POSTS THE LATEST INFORMATION ON FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH MAURITANIA.

3. NMFS WOULD APPRECIATE THE NAMES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE POLISH AND SOVIET DELEGATIONS WHICH HELD DISCUSSIONS WITH THE MAURITANIANS IN MARCH (PARAGRAPH 1 OF REF A).

4. CONTINUED ALERT REPORTING ON THE CHANGING OR NEW PROVISIONS OF ANY FISHERY AGREEMENT IS REQUESTED.

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5. INFORMATION ON LICENSING FEES AND OTHER REGULATIONS ON FOREIGN FISHING (PARAGRAPH 2 OF REF A) WERE ESPECIALLY WELCOME AS THE U.S. GOVERNMENT IS PRESENTLY STUDYING SUCH REGULATIONS IN PREPARING FOR THE EXTENSION OF U.S. FISHERIES JURISDICTION IN 1977.

6. DATA IN PARAGRAPH 6 OF REF A WAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST. COULD EMBASSY DECLASSIFY THE INFORMATION IN THIS PARAGRAPH?

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7. NMFS HAS COMPLETED THE DRAFT OF THE SECTION ON FOREIGN FISHING IN THE REPORT ON MAURITANIAN FISHERIES. A COPY WILL BE FORWARDED TO EMBASSY AND CONSULATE GENERAL CASABLANCA BY OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM. COULD EMBASSY PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION (PAGE REFERENCES ARE KEYED TO DRAFT BEING FORWARDED BY OPERATIONS MEMORANDUM):

A) PAGE 7 - IS INFORMATION ABOUT PATROL VESSEL STILL VALID. NMFS SOMEWHAT UNSURE DUE TO INFORMATION IN REF E.

B) PAGE 12 - ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON THE GHANAIAN-
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MAURITANIAN FISHERIES AGREEMENT (REF B AND PARAGRAPH 1 OF REF A). WHY WAS GHANA WILLING TO EXCHANGE THE CATCH OF 20 VESSELS FOR THE RIGHT OF 10 VESSELS TO FISH IN MAURITANIAN CLAIMED WATERS? WERE THE GHANAIS SIMPLY REQUIRED TO SELL TO MAURITANIA THE CATCH OF THE 20 VESSELS (TERM "FURNISH" IS USED IN REF B). NMFS ASSUMES THAT NO GHANAIAN FISHING IS TAKING PLACE UNDER THE TERMS OF THE 1974 AGREEMENT AS THERE ARE NO REPORTED GHANAIAN

LANDINGS AT NOUADHIBOU IN 1974 (REF C).

C) PAGE 13 - WHEN WAS THE AGREEMENT SIGNED WITH THE
IVORY COAST?

8. NMFS HAS OFFERED ASSISTANCE TO THE DEPARTMENT OF
COMMERCE IN CONTACTING U.S. FISHERIES FIRMS FOR THE VISIT
OF THE MAURITANIAN MARINE SUPPLY OPERATOR (REF D).

PLEASE EXTEND AN INVITATION TO VISIT WITH NMFS IN
WASHINGTON. IN RESPONSE TO DCM'S LETTER OF APRIL 5, IF
SPECIFIC DETAILS OF POSSIBLE OPPORTUNITIES FOR U.S. FIRMS
ARE PROVIDED, NMFS WILL GIVE THEM EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY
THROUGH WIDELY-READ FISHERY PUBLICATIONS. NMFS FEELS
LACK OF INTEREST BY U.S. FIRMS MAY BE DUE TO LACK OF
KNOWLEDGE ON MAURITANIA. NMFS IS ALSO DRAWING UP A LIST
OF PRIVATE AND GOVERNMENT AGENCIES WHICH MAY BE INTERESTED
IN RESOURCE ASSESSMENT PROJECTS OFF THE MAURITANIAN
COAST. THE LIST WILL BE FORWARDED BY POUCH. ROBINSON

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